

News from Rep. Stephanie Herseth  
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**HERSETH NAMED RANKING MEMBER OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

As Senior Democrat, Herseth Will Lead Efforts To Ensure that Returning Veterans Have Tools Necessary to Reenter Civilian Life and Prosper Economically

**February 10, 2005, Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Representative Stephanie Herseth today was named Ranking Member of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee for Economic Opportunity. As the senior Democrat on that subcommittee, Herseth will lead efforts to advance legislation to ensure veterans have all the tools they need to reenter their civilian lives and prosper economically.

Herseth said, "I am grateful that my colleagues on the Veterans Affairs Committee have entrusted me with this position – a rare opportunity for a newer member. Having this seniority will allow me to continue to be a strong advocate for the men and women who have fought to keep America free, and I couldn't be happier to serve them as a ranking member on the subcommittee. These responsibilities are particularly important to me with respect to our nation's most recent veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan."

The Economic Opportunity subcommittee's jurisdiction includes veterans' education, vocational rehabilitation, veterans' housing programs, readjustment of servicemembers to civilian life, and servicemembers civil relief.

Herseth, who takes the position of ranking member at the beginning of just her first full term, has been a member of the full Veterans' Affairs committee since her election to Congress in June, 2004. This weekend, Herseth will attend homecoming ceremonies in northeast South Dakota for the National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 147th Field Artillery.

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